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SUBJECT: TWELFTH MEETING U.S.-SPANISH JOINT
COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE MATTERS

SUMMARY: JOINT COMMITTEE MET JULY 3, 1974 AT MFA.
PARTICIPATING WERE AMBASSADOR RIVERO AND FOREIGN MINISTER
CORTINA MAURI AS CO-CHAIRMEN. US AND SPANISH MILITARY
ADVISORS WERE GENERAL EADE, DEPUTY CINCEUR AND LT. GEN
FERNANDEZ VALLESPIN, NEWLY APPOINTED SPANISH CHIEF OF
HIGH GENERAL STAFF, WHO ATTENDED BUT DEFERRED TO LT. GEN
MATEO MARCOS FOR DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS. DCM
SAMUEL EATON PARTICIPATED AS OBSERVER. AGENDA ITEMS
WERE: STATUS OF UNDELIVERED EQUIPMENT; EXIM BANK CREDITS;
DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY PLAN; APPLICABILITY OF SPANISH G-3
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TARIFF TO U.S. SHIPPING; DELAYS IN SPANISH COURTS OF CASES

INVOLVING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL; AND ALLEGED VIOLATIONS BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF SPANISH AIRSPACE. MEETING WAS CORDIAL THROUGHOUT AND CORTINA HOSTED SMALL LUNCH AT JOCKEY RESTAURANT AFTER MEETING. HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS AS FOLLOWS: END SUMMARY.

1. IT WAS AGREED THAT VERY FEW ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT GPNWERIES#WERE OUTSTANDING AND THAT TERRITORIAL

COMMAND NET PROJECT AND AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING NET (COMBAT GRANDE) PROGRAM WERE PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE. SPANISH SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED "DOCUMENTATION" PERTAINING TO DELIVERY OF 8 UH-1H HELICOPTERS, PRESUMABLY IN REFERENCE TO AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATES. SPANISH ALSO COMMENTED THAT SPANISH NAVY HAD NOT YET DECIDED UPON SHIP TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR OILER.

2. SPANISH COMMENTED IT WAS THEIR INTENTION TO FINANCE TERRITORIAL COMMAND NET WITH REMAINING EXIM CREDITS WHICH WAS REASON FOR REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF BALANCE AND EXTENSION OF CREDITS BEYOND DECEMBER 31, 1975. SPANISH WERE TOLD THAT WE WOULD SUPPLY FIGURES ON BALANCE SHORTLY, BUT THAT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION SHOULD IN ANY CASE BE SUBMITTED TO BANK APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO DATE OF EXPIRATION OF CURRENT CREDITS, I.E., SUBMITTED IN SUMMER OF 1975. INTEREST RATES PREVAILING AT TIME EXTENSION WOULD GOVERN.

3. SPANISH SUMMED UP SOME RECENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN SUPPORT OF JOINT COMPATIBILITY PLAN, E.G., US INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING TO MEMBERS OF SPANISH MILITARY GENERAL STAFFS LAST MAY; WEEKLY MEETINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES OF PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND PROPOSALS TO JOINT COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF FIVE ACTION PLANS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR STUDY AT 10TH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. GENERAL EADE CONFIRMED US CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN SUBCOMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF FIVE ACTION PLANS AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING SPANISH

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BRIEFING. GENERAL MATEO MARCOS NOTED THAT DELAY WAS DUE TO CHANGEOVER IN POSITION OF CHIEF OF HIGH GENERAL' STAFF, BUT ASSURED U.S. THAT BRIEFING WAS UNDER PREPARATION. MATEO MARCOS ALSO REITERATED SPANISH INTEREST IN STUDYING IN CLOSER DETAIL DEFENSE OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

4. SPANISH PRESENTED POSITION PAPER REGARDING

APPLICABILITY OF G-3 TARIFF TO U.S. SHIPPING, TAKING ACCOUNT OF U.S. COUNTER POSITIONS AND ADDRESSING THEM INDIVIDUALLY IN DETAILED ARGUMENT. U.S. RESPONDED THAT SINCE MOST RECENT SPANISH POSITION ONLY RECEIVED JULY 1, U.S. WOULD NEED AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY. U.S. EXPRESSED DESIRE IN ANY CASE TO RESOLVE MATTER RAPIDLY THROUGH PERMANENT SECRETARIAT WITHOUT FURTHER REFERRAL TO JOINT COMMITTEE.

5. AMBASSADOR PRESENTED STRONG APPEAL FOR FASTER PROCESSING OF COURT CASES INVOLVING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL. STATISTICS WERE CITED INDICATING LARGE NUMBER OF CASES OUTSTANDING, WITH COMPARISON OF RATE OF CASES BEING PROCESSED IN MADRID COURTS WITH THOSE IN CADIZ AREA. SPANISH STATED CONCERN OVER PROBLEM, CITING PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN EXPEDITING CASES BEFORE THE COURTS. FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDED DISCUSSION WITH STATEMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF MAGNITUDE OF PROBLEM AND WOULD THEREFORE TAKE UP MATTER PERSONALLY WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

6. SPANISH EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN THAT (ALLEGED) AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT MIGHT RESULT IN ACCIDENT WITH CIVIL AIRCRAFT. GENERAL EADE REAFFIRMED CONTINUING CONCERN OF U.S. OVER SAFE OPERATION OF ITS MILITARY AIRCRAFT, RECOGNIZING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER ARTICLE 3D OF 1944 ICAO CONVENTION THAT STATE AIRCRAFT DEMONSTRATE DUE REGARD FOR SAFETY OF NAVIGATION OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT. GENERAL EADE ALSO RECONFIRMED THAT U. S. FORCES MINDFUL OF RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN FLYING IN SPANISH AIRSPACE TO COMPLY WITH PROCEDURAL ANNEX VII TO AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. HE RECOMMENDED

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THAT AS MATTER OF PRACTICE AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS IN FUTURE BE REFERRED TO JOINT AIR CONTROL AND COORDINATION CENTER (JACCC) FOR RAPID INVESTIGATION AND VERIFICATION OF FACTS SO THAT APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN.

7. CO-CHAIRMEN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 1974.
RIVERO

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